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News of Interest for the Alumni of Redeemer College, 777 Hwy #53 E. Ancaster, ON L9K 1J4



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A Message from the President

Dear Alumni,

As you all know, in January I announced my retirement as president of Redeemer College, effective July 1, 1994.

As I contemplate retirement I can't help but reflect on the thirteen years the Lord gave me as president of a young and fledgling college. These past thirteen years have been the most rewarding, exciting and challenging years of my life.

The blessings which the Lord bestowed on Redeemer College have been evident, and came to expression especially in the increase in students and in the new campus. The changes brought about in thirteen years could not have been anticipated in my wildest dreams. Truly, the Lord has been good to us.

Of course, rapid growth and moving from one campus to another came with accompanying stress. When we moved the new campus was not yet ready; many of you will remember a degree of chaos and making do for the first months. I am still grateful for the pioneer spirit that our students displayed in coping during and after the move.

Our students are Redeemer College. Through the years I have

come to know many of you personally. I know of your dreams, your commitment and of your love for the Lord. Thank you for giving us at Redeemer College the opportunity to train you.

I know from the impact that you are making in a wide variety of callings that our efforts were not in vain. The Lord has allowed you to bear fruit and He has given the increase.

*"Thank you for
entrusting us with
your education
and thank you for
your loyalty."*

Thank you for trusting us when we could not give you assurances as to your admission into graduate programs. Your trust and confidence has made it possible for us to prove to over thirty universities that Redeemer College offers a bona fide university education and that our



students are qualified and worthy of admission into graduate programs.

I want to make special mention of those who came to us the first few years and whom we call our pioneer students. You came when we could offer you very little. The facilities on the Beach were not what we have now and housing arrangements were some distance away which complicated your life. You put up with our inexperience. Thank you for entrusting us with your education and thank you for your loyalty.

As I close I want to thank you for your prayers. I always felt upheld by them and they sustained me in difficult times. My prayer for you is that you will continue to remember Redeemer College in your prayers and also in your giving. The college will always need you.

May God bless each one of you.

*Henry R. De Bolster,
President*

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Alumna Earns 'Excellence in Achievement' at Clark Atlanta University

Clark Atlanta University (CAU) in Atlanta, Georgia recently honoured Maureen G. Elgersma, a 1991 Redeemer graduate, with an Excellence in Achievement Award. Elgersma is putting the final touches on her master's thesis at CAU and received the award for maintaining straight A's throughout her program in African American Studies.

She is scheduled to receive her MA this July as part of the Class of 1993 at CAU. She writes, "Coming out after two years seems to be a feat within this program and my colleagues are more proud of me than I am. It is a nice feeling."

Her thesis is entitled, "The Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 and the Development of African Enclaves in the Cities of St. Catharines, Hamilton, and Toronto, Canada West, 1850-1861." ○

You've graduated — now what?

The Alumni Board will be sponsoring a series of activities for alumni on the theme:

**"Working is for Serving –
Integrating Faith and Learning
in the Workplace"**

This will be held in conjunction with the Second Annual Alumni Membership Meeting on Saturday, September 25.

More details will be available in the next issue of *Images*.

The Editor's

Greetings & salutations,

Although it has been a while since the last *Images*, the work of the Alumni Board continues. This issue gives notice of a number of activities organized primarily for alumni. The Board has committed to organizing two events each year for the members of the Alumni Association. On behalf of the Board, I would encourage you to become involved in these activities.

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There has been much talk lately in Ontario about the proposed cuts to many social programs. Post-secondary education has not been exempted from these cost-cutting measures. Government grants to universities are being cut, and the grant portion of the Ontario Student Assistance Program is being replaced by loans.

Yet ironically, the same moribund economy which is the catalyst for these austerity measures is causing people to seek upgrades in their education in hopes of being better prepared for the job market. Universities find themselves with more students, but receiving less funds.



Workbench

As a result, public universities have had to make some tough decisions, including restricting admissions, cutting programs, freezing salaries, and lay-offs.

Redeemer College has also been hit hard by the recession, which has resulted in restructuring efforts which are sometimes painful.

Providing Christian university level education is expensive, but it is an essential mission. It is also a community effort which benefits the community. Not only do the students gain from their education, but the communities in which they settle also reap the rewards of the students' (who are now alumni) education.

Some of you have children which are being taught by alumni. Others benefit from alumni who are preachers and youth workers, accountants and insurance agents.

I hope that you will continue to be an active part of the Redeemer community, that you will share in the mission of the College. And I hope that you will continue to be a blessing in your own community.

Until Next Time,

Tim

BRONZE AND SILVER

Redeemer Royals Deliver for Home Crowds

This season the women's indoor soccer team and the men's volleyball team both earned medals in Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) tournaments at Redeemer College.

In separate weekend tournaments played in front of large home crowds, the men came up with a silver and the women produced a bronze.

Tracy Van Dijk of the Lady Royals

was named MVP (most valuable player) for the indoor soccer tournament.

"Redeemer had a definite advantage because of the crowd," stated volley-

ball MVP Andy Davis, the setter for the gold-medal winners, Cambrian Green Shield. As reported in *The Hamilton Spectator*, Davis also noted that playing at Redeemer College "would have been fun even if we lost.... There are a lot of games where there are some jerks on the other team swearing at you. These guys (Christian athletes for Redeemer) are great." ○

Tenth Anniversary Celebrations & Homecoming September 1992



by Winnie Brouwer-Wiebenga '88

For alumni returning to Redeemer College for the tenth anniversary celebrations, this greeting said it all. It was good to see old friends and professors again. It was good to laugh at old photographs and browse through yearbooks together. It was good to talk and catch up with those people you haven't spoken to in a while. And it was good to reflect how richly God has blessed Redeemer College in the last ten years.

The activities of the weekend celebrated and reflected the growth of the college. From the BBQ to the coffeehouse, from the athletic games to the slide show, from staff anecdotes to the membership meetings, there was something for everyone. Alumni, staff, present students, administration and all those connected with Redeemer College had the chance to say, "Remember...?"

The Banting House Boys ... the bus rides ... Dr. Plantinga's book sales ... the new campus ... Hoogie ... the new organ ... microwaves in the dorms ... "one of these things is not like the others" ... the art gallery ... the list goes on and on. Memories were as varied as those assembled together to celebrate.

The weekend appropriately ended with a service of joyful praise on Sunday morning. Under the auspices of Fellowship CRC (Ancaster), we were led in a wonderful celebration of God's faithfulness and goodness; not only for the past, but also for the present and the future.

It was good to see you. See you in ten years!

10th Anniversary Tee Shirts
\$10 each
while supplies last!

Call for Nominations

The Alumni Board seeks nominations for the position of **Member-at-Large** to replace retiring Board Members. **All alumni** are eligible to sit on the Board. Contact the Alumni Affairs Coordinator for more details.

Coming Events

May 29 - Graduation: 103 students are expected to graduate. This is the college's largest graduating class. Dr. Mariano Di Gangi will speak on "Standard of Excellence." 2:00 p.m. A limited number of tickets may be available. Call Richard Wikkerink at Redeemer College for information.

June 8 - First Alumni Concert with Fred DeHaan, piano; Stephanie Van Rooyen, organ; the Alumni Concert Choir and Christiaan Teeuwssen conducting. 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$5.

September 22 - Second Annual Alumni Membership Meeting.

First Alumni Concert

During two separate weekends in May and June, 34 alumni will be practising for the first Alumni Concert to be held at Redeemer College on June 8th.

Conductor Chris Teeuwssen hopes to have the 34 voices harmonized well before the concert as they are scheduled to sing at one of the local churches on Sunday June 6.

All participants in the Alumni Concert Choir are required to have been involved with choirs in the past. The choir will be accompanied by Fred DeHaan on the piano and Stephanie Van Rooyen on the organ.

The concert begins at 8:00 p.m. See you there.



The Babylonian Milkmen at the homecoming coffeehouse.

The Personal Touch

Mark (x86) and Sylvia Bandstra (Geus 86) were blessed with the birth of a daughter, Stephanie Rose, a sister for big brother Matthew.

Jim (88) and Anita Broekema (Miedema 86) ask for your prayers as Jim completes a Missions training program with Christian Reformed Home Missions. They have two sons: Derek and Joshua. Their address is 871 Beaverhill Blvd., Winnipeg, MB R2J 3B5.

Suzanne van Arragon (x83) graduated with a B.Ed. in TESL at Concordia University in Montreal. She is working on a Masters in Linguistics at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Annette Schreuders (Oosterhof x85) and her husband Robert have been blessed with a daughter, Stephanie Joy, born on August 18 in Den Helder, The Netherlands.

Angela Broers (Van Luyk 86) and husband Casey were blessed with a baby girl, Sara Johanna, a sister for Jason.

Mark Van Helden (86) and Anita Kuipers (86) were blessed with a daughter, Kristen Edyth, on August 23. Mark continues to work as an accountant for Tridel, a Toronto real estate developer. He is also the treasurer of the Asthma Society of Canada. Prior to maternity leave, Anita worked as a supervisor of an attendant care program for disabled adults.

Wayne Miedema (x88) married Judy Maan last March in Alliston, Ontario. He finished a B.Sc. in chemistry and math at the University of Guelph and is presently at Lakehead Teachers College.

Ken (88) and Mary Ann Benjamins (Van Starkenburg 88) live in Wyoming, Ontario where Ken works in the

ministry after graduating from Calvin Seminary. Mary Ann graduated from Calvin College with a teaching degree.

Carol Vellenga (Van Ankum 89) married Gord in August and resides on their dairy farm north of Brantford. She teaches grade two at Brantford Christian School.

Ray (88) and Sue Vander Kooij (Kiers 89) are in Phoenix, Arizona where Ray is serving internship for his seminary studies.

Carol Vanderstoep (Herrewynen, 88) and her husband John were blessed with a daughter, Erin Janine, last February. Carol is presently teaching Grade three, three afternoons per week at John Knox Memorial Christian School in Fruitland.

Eric (88) and Ruth Ann Schuringa (Dykstra 89) are in Grand Rapids where Eric is in his final year of seminary after a year internship in Anchorage, Alaska. They have an Alaskan daughter, Charlotte Grace.

Stephanie Van Rooyen (Proper 92) married Greg Van Rooyen (x86) last May. The happy couple lives in Barrie where Greg is an ambulance officer

and Stephanie a residential counsellor at a Christian Horizons group home.

Andrew Vreugdenhil (x90) (B.Sc. Queen's University, 92) and Karen Bisschop (92) were married in August in Chatham. Karen and Andrew now live in Montreal and attend McGill University, where Andrew is doing graduate studies in chemistry and Karen is pursuing a Master's in library and information studies.

POETRY PROSE ESSAY SHORT STORY

The Alumni Board wants to produce a *Collection of Alumni Literary Works*.

We encourage you to send submissions of creative writing to be published this September. Pieces should be no longer than 12 pages.

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